



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

R. MAEDA et al.

Serial Number: 09/893,703

Group Art Unit: 2838

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Examiner: Unassigned

For: HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE, METHOD OF FABRICATING  
THE SAME AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 26, 2001

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Examples of the above-mentioned polymeric material to form the coating layer includes a copolymer comprising at least two types of elements selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid ester, methacrylic acid ester, aromatic olefin, conjugated diene and olefin. Specifically, styrene-methacrylic acid ester-acrylic acid ester copolymer, ethylene-acrylic acid ester copolymer, methacrylic

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